

**HIGHLAND REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION
STUDY SESSION MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, April 23, 2008**

The Highland Redevelopment Commission (“RC”, “Commission”) met in Study Session on Wednesday, April 23, 2008, at 6:37 PM in the Council Chambers within the Municipal Building at 3333 Ridge Road, Highland, Indiana. The Study Session was called to order by Commissioner Jim Kessler. The minutes were prepared by Cecile Petro, Redevelopment Director.

ROLL CALL: Present on silent roll call were Commissioners Brice Johnson, Dominic Noce, and Jim Kessler. Adam Gawlikowski entered at 7:00 PM. Also in attendance were Economic Development Commissioner George VandeWerken, Town Council President Bernie Zemen, and Redevelopment Director Cecile Petro.

At 7:15PM the Director stepped out of the meeting to attend the Board of Zoning Appeals (BZA) meeting in regards to the petition by Aide Rentals. She came back into the RC meeting at 8:00 PM. Commissioner Gawlikowski left briefly to attend the BZA meeting and returned to the RC meeting.

General Substance of the Study Session

1. Riverfront Development District

Commissioners discussed and reviewed Resolution No. 2008-02 that forwards Resolution No. 2008-01 (a resolution designating a Riverfront Development District) to the Town Council. The Commission stated that it is ready to take up this issue at the next public meeting.

2. Redevelopment Area Expansion

The Director provided the Commission with Resolution No. 2008-03 that expands the current Redevelopment Area. It will be presented for their approval at the next public meeting.

3. Results of the Meeting with Property Owners within the Proposed Economic Development Area on April 17, 2008

Commissioners Kessler and Gawlikowski informed the Commission about the meeting with the property owners within the proposed economic development area at Highland Acres. They felt that overall it was a positive meeting. Owners have had time to formulate questions and feel more comfortable about stating their opinions. They have asked for another meeting on May 29, 2008.

4. Commission assignments

President Gawlikowski presented his suggestions for Commission assignments. Commissioner Johnson will take the lead on the Gateway; Commissioner Noce will have the downtown “L” shaped area; Commissioner Kessler will have Highland Acres; and the new Commissioner, when appointed, will study the Ridge Road area.

5. Results of State Board of Accounts Audit

Ms. Petro reported that the State Board of Accounts audit was concluded on April 10, 2008. No items were found in non-compliance.

6. Modified Economic Development Area Plan for Highland Acres

The Director presented a marked-up copy of the modified Economic Development Area Plan for Highland Acres. It has been reviewed by both Cender and Co. and our attorney, Carol Green-Fraley. Discussion ensued. President Gawlikowski asked for a clean copy by the next public meeting.

8. Update on business attraction and expansion in Highland

The Director gave an update on various business efforts in the town.

The Study Session was adjourned at 9:45PM.